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**John’s Gospel: A Portrait of Jesus**

**Events that Reveal His Mission: Part 5**

**Jesus’ Prayer**

**John 17**

• This is God’s Word.

• It is a perfect treasure of divine instruction.

• It has God for its author,

• salvation for its end,

• and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter.

• It is the supreme source of truth

• for what we believe

• and how we live.

**Prayer is simply talking to God.**

**After saying all these things, Jesus looked up to heaven and said… John 17:1**

**Prayer flows out of a relationship with God.**

**“…Father, the hour has come…” John 17:1**

**Our primary desire in prayer is that our lives bring glory to the Father through the Son.**

**“…Glorify your Son so he can give glory back to you.” John 17:1**

**How do We Pray for the Church Based Upon Jesus Prayer?**

**We Pray for Unity Among the People of God.**

**Now I am departing from the world; they are staying in this world, but I am coming to you. Holy Father, you have given me your name; now protect them by the power of your name so that they will be united just as we are. John 17:11**

**I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me. John 17:21**

**I am in them and you are in me. May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me. John 17:23**

**We Pray for Joy as We Walk Through Life**

**“Now I am coming to you. I told them many things while I was with them in this world so they would be filled with my joy. John 17:13**

**We Pray for Safety as We Live in a World That Opposes Us With an Enemy Who Wants to Destroy Us.**

**I have given them your word. And the world hates them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I’m not asking you to take them out of the world, but to keep them safe from the evil one. They do not belong to this world any more than I do. John 17:14-16**

**We Pray for Holiness Which Comes Through**

**God’s Word.**

**Make them holy by your truth; teach them your word, which is truth. John 17:17**

**We Pray That We Will Be Faithful to the Mission We Have Been Given.**

**Just as you sent me into the world, I am sending them into the world. John 17:18**

**In the same way that you gave me a mission in the world, I give them a mission in the world. John 17:18 (Msg)**

**We Pray in Anticipation for What’s to Come.**

**Father, I want these whom you have given me to be with me where I am. Then they can see all the glory you gave me because you loved me even before the world began! John 17:24**